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WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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7TH ANNUAL WHEA CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS OPEN ON SATURDAY AT UNH ~No. 1 UNH meets No. 4 PC; No. 2 BC squares off against No. 3 BU~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – The seventh annual Women's Hockey East kicks off on Saturday afternoon in Durham, N.H., with a noon game between fourth-seeded Providence and top-seed New Hampshire. The matchup between second-seeded Boston College and third-seeded Boston University will commence at 3pm at the Whittemore Center. Both semifinal games will be streamed live on the internet by B2 networks at www.b2tv.com.

The Wildcats hope to use home ice to their advantage, as they have never lost a game at home vs. a Hockey East opponent (64-0-9) in seven years. The teams in this game have combined to win all six WHEA Tournament titles since the league's inception in 2002. Providence College won the first three league tournaments, while New Hampshire has been victorious in the last three. The Friars, however, look to continue their post-season success, as they are coming off a 3-0 shutout of Connecticut last weekend in the quarterfinal round. While the Wildcats have won the last two meetings between the teams, on Feb. 13 and 14, the Friars also handed them a 5-0 shutout on Jan. 10. UNH's Jenn Wakefield (Pickering, Ont.) is looking to notch her 50th point of the year, as she currently leads the team with 49. Wakefield was recently named TPS Hockey Player of the Month for her fourteen-point February over the course of seven undefeated games. PC's rookie netminder Genevieve Lacasse (Scarborough, Ont.) leads the league with a .940 save percentage in league play.

Crosstown Rivals BU and BC last met on Feb. 14, when they skated to a 3-3 tie, before the Terriers won the shootout. Earlier in the season, the teams split a 4-1 BU victory and 5-0 BC shutout. Both teams hope to carry their momentum to Durham, as they are each unbeaten in their last seven games. The Eagles are led offensively by league point leader Kelli Stack (Brooklyn Heights, Ohio) and in net by Molly Schaus (Natick, Mass.), who has registered ten shutouts on the year. BU is led by rookie standout Jenelle Kohanchuk (Winnipeg, Man.), who has tallied 29 points in 27 games played.

The seventh annual WHEA Championship Game will be played on Sunday, March 8 at 12:30 p.m. The game will be broadcast on NESN on a tape delay basis at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets for the 2009 Women's Hockey East Championship are on sale now. Tickets may be purchased through the Whittemore Center Box Office, by calling 603-868-7300 or by logging on to www.unhwildcats.com. Student from Hockey East schools are eligible for a complimentary ticket, with a valid student ID, at the box office on game day.

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, February 20
 No. 6 Boston College 5 at Providence 1 *

Saturday, February 21
 at Vermont 1, Maine 0 *

No. 5 New Hampshire 4 at No. 10 Connecticut 3 *
 Boston University 3 at Northeastern 0 *
 Providence 1 at No. 6 Boston College 1 OT*
 (PC wins shootout, 1-0)

Sunday, February 22
 at No. 5 New Hampshire 4, No. 10 Connecticut 2 *
 at Boston University 8, Northeastern 1 *
 Maine 2 at Vermont 2 OT *
 (Maine wins shootout, 2-1)

Saturday, February 28
WHEA Tournament Quarterfinals
 at No. 4 Providence 3, No. 5 Connecticut 0
 at No. 3 Boston U. 2, No. 6 Northeastern 1

UPCOMING GAMES

Saturday, March 7
WHEA Semifinals
 No. 1 UNH vs. No. 4 Providence (12pm, B2)
 No. 2 Boston College vs. No. 3 Boston U. (3pm, B2)

Sunday, March 8
WHEA Championship Game (12:30pm)
(NESN Tape Delay, 4pm)

All game times are EST
 * denotes league games

2008-2009 WHEA STANDINGS

Rk	Team	GP	W	L	SOL	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	New Hampshire * #	21	16 (1)	2	3	35	22-5-5	3.48 (73)	1.81 (38)
2.	Boston College *	21	14 (1)	5	2	30	21-7-5	3.24 (68)	1.67 (35)
3.	Boston University *	21	14 (4)	6	1	29	18-10-7	2.95 (62)	1.95 (41)
4.	Providence *	21	12 (1)	8	1	25	17-15-3	2.48 (52)	1.90 (40)
	Connecticut *	21	12 (2)	8	1	25	19-12-4	2.29 (48)	2.00 (42)
6.	Northeastern *	21	7 (0)	13	1	15	12-20-3	1.57 (33)	2.67 (56)
7.	Vermont	21	5 (1)	15	1	11	7-25-2	1.52 (32)	3.33 (70)
	Maine	21	4 (2)	15	2	10	5-23-5	1.57 (33)	3.76 (79)

* clinched playoff spot; # earned top seed in playoffs

The brackets in the conference wins column signify the number of wins that were shootout wins in conference play. Wins and Shootout Wins are valued at two points. Shootout Losses (SOL) are valued at one point. Games that are tied after 65 minutes will be considered a tie for NCAA purposes and will be noted as a tie in the Overall standings.

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2008-2009 HOCKEY EAST SEASON SUPERLATIVES

SHUTOUTS

Date	Goalie	Team	Opp.	Svs	Result
10/4	Molly Schaus	BC	Clarkson	26	W, 2-0
10/4	Leah Sulyma	NU	at Union	6	W, 6-0
10/10	Florence Schelling!	NU	at Bemidji State	40	T, 0-0
10/18	Florence Schelling!	NU	Providence	31	W, 1-0
10/19	Leah Sulyma	NU	at UConn	34	W, 3-0
10/24	Brittany Wilson	UConn	at Princeton	24	W, 3-0
11/1	Molly Schaus	BC	at Northeastern	16	W, 5-0
11/14	Allyse Wilcox	BU	at Princeton	30	W, 2-0
11/16	Genevieve Lacasse !	PC	vs. UConn	30	W, 2-0
11/20	Molly Schaus	BC	at UConn	33	W, 4-0
11/25	Jennie Bellonio	UConn	vs. Brown	17	W, 4-0
11/26	Kayley Herman	UNH	vs. Northeastern	12	W, 2-0
11/29	Genevieve Lacasse !	PC	at Brown	37	W, 1-0
11/30	Molly Schaus	BC	vs. Northeastern	27	W, 2-0
12/9	Lindsey Minton	UNH	vs. Northeastern	22	W, 3-0
12/10	Molly Schaus	BC	at BU	25	W, 5-0
12/12	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	vs. Union	19	W, 2-0
1/3	Brittany Wilson	UConn	vs. Vermont	9	W, 7-0
1/3	Molly Schaus	BC	at Yale	32	W, 1-0
1/8	Leah Sulyma	NU	at BU	31	W, 2-0
1/10	Genevieve Lacasse !	PC	vs. UNH	43	W, 5-0
1/10	Brittany Wilson	UConn	vs. BU	31	W, 3-0
1/17	Genevieve Lacasse !	PC	vs. Vermont	16	W, 3-0
1/23	Brittany Wilson	UConn	vs. NU	20	W, 4-0
1/23	Kayley Herman	UNH	vs. Maine	15	W, 3-0
1/24	Molly Schaus	BC	at Vermont	19	W, 5-0
1/24	Genevieve Lacasse !	PC	vs. BU	34	W, 2-0
1/24	Brittany Wilson	UConn	at NU	22	W, 1-0
1/25	Molly Schaus	BC	at Vermont	16	W, 5-0
1/31	Melissa Haber	BU	vs. Vermont	23	W, 4-0
2/6	Molly Schaus	BC	vs. Maine	13	W, 2-0
2/10	Molly Schaus	BC	vs. Harvard (BP)	40	W, 1-0
2/21	Caitlin Whitlock	UVM	vs. Maine	17	W, 1-0
2/21	Allyse Wilcox	BU	at NU	20	W, 3-0
2/28	Genevieve Lacasse	PC	vs. UConn	18	W, 3-0

40+ SAVES

Date	Goalie	Team	Opp.	Svs	Result
10/3	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	North Dakota	46	W, 3-2
10/4	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	North Dakota	46	L, 7-3
10/10	Florence Schelling !	NU	at Bemidji State	40	T, 0-0
10/11	Leah Sulyma	NU	at Bemidji State	40	T, 2-2
10/11	Genevieve Lacasse !	PC	Colgate	42	W, 6-2
10/26	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	at Providence	47	L, 4-2
11/21	Genevieve Lacasse !	PC	Mercyhurst	51	L, 3-0
1/10	Genevieve Lacasse !	PC	UNH	43	W, 5-0
1/24	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	at UNH	47	L, 5-1
2/6	Florence Schelling !	NU	at PC	53	L, 2-3 OT
2/10	Molly Schaus	BC	vs. Harvard (BP)	40	W, 1-0
2/22	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	at UVM	47	T, 2-2

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

Goals:	3	Dominique Thibault, UConn, 9/27/08 vs. Sacred Heart Nicole Tritter, UConn, 9/27/08 vs. Sacred Heart Kristi Kehoe, NU, 10/4/08 at Union Jennie Gallo, Maine, 10/18/08 vs. Sacred Heart Lauren Cherewyk, BU, 10/25/08 vs. Maine Julia Marty *, NU, 11/9/08 vs. Maine Kelli Stack, BC, 11/16/08 at Maine Allie Thunstrom, BC, 12/10/08 at BU
Assists:	4	Ashley Cottrell, PC, 11/8/08 vs. Robert Morris Kacey Bellamy, UNH, 1/16/09 vs. Dartmouth Sam Faber, UNH, 2/8/09 at Vermont Kelli Stack, BC, 2/20/09 at Providence
Points	5	Dominique Thibault, UConn, 9/27/08 vs. Sacred Heart (3g,2a) Jennie Gallo, Maine, 10/18/08 vs. Sacred Heart (3g,2a) Jenn Wakefield, UNH, 1/16/09 vs. Dartmouth (2g,3a)
Point Streak	19	Kelli Stack, BC, 2/17/08 to 11/30/08, 36 pts (21g,15a)
In league play:	13	Kelli Stack, BC, 2/17/08 to 11/30/08, 24 pts (16g,8a)
Saves	53	Florence Schelling, NU, 2/6/09 at Providence

TEAM HIGHS

Goals:	13	UConn vs. Sacred Heart, 9/27/08
In league play:	8	BU vs. Maine, 10/25/08; BU vs. NU, 2/23/09
Shots on Goal:	61	UConn vs. Sacred Heart, 9/27/08
Consecutive Wins:	13	New Hampshire, 1/16/09 to present
In league play:	11	New Hampshire, 1/20/09 to present
Unbeaten Streak:	13	New Hampshire, 1/16/09 to present (13-0-0)
In league play:	19	UNH (18-0-3), 10/21/07 to 10/22/08

HAT TRICKS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
9/27	Dominique Thibault	UConn	Sacred Heart	W, 13-0
9/27	Nicole Tritter	UConn	Sacred Heart	W, 13-0
10/4	Kristi Kehoe	NU	at Union	W, 6-0
10/18	Jennie Gallo	Maine	Sacred Heart	W, 11-1
10/25	Lauren Cherewyk	BU	Maine	W, 8-1
11/9	Julia Marty *	NU	Maine	W, 4-1
11/16	Kelli Stack	BC	Maine	L, 5-3
12/10	Allie Thunstrom	BC	at BU	W, 5-0
1/23/09	Dominique Thibault	UConn	vs. NU	W, 4-0
1/30	Sam Faber	UNH	at BC	W, 5-2

OVERTIME GOALS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
1/3	Danielle Welch !	BC	at Yale	W, 1-0
2/1	Nicole Tritter	UConn	vs. PC	W, 2-1
2/6	Mari Pehkonen	PC	vs. NU	W, 3-2
2/17	Courtney Birchard	UNH	at Harvard	W, 3-2

THE LAST TIME

A player had four goals:
Leah Craig, UNH at Niagara, 10/22/05

A rookie had a hat trick:
Alyse Ruff, PC, 2/17/07 vs. Northeastern
In league play: Alyse Ruff, PC, 2/17/07 vs. Northeastern

A defenseman had a hat trick:
Julia Marty, NU, 11/9/08 vs. Maine

A goaltender recorded 50 saves:
Florence Schelling !, NU, 2/6/09 at Providence (53)
In league play: Florence Schelling !, NU, 2/6/09 at Providence (53)

A team won five games in a row:
New Hampshire, 1/16/09 to present, 13 games
In league play: New Hampshire, 11 games, 1/20/09 to present

A team won 10 games in a row:
New Hampshire, 13 games, 1/16/09 to present
In league play: New Hampshire 11 games, 1/20/09 to present

A team was unbeaten in 10 straight games:
New Hampshire 13 games (13-0-0), 1/16/09 to present
In league play: 38 games (35-0-3), 11/17/06 to 10/23/08

A team recorded 50 shots-on-goal:
New Hampshire, 1/24/09 vs. Maine (52)
In league play: New Hampshire, 1/24/09 vs. Maine (52)

* - defenseman ! - rookie* neutral site game

100+ POINTS

Date	Player	Opponent	Current Points
10/21/07	Sam Faber, UNH	at BU	186
10/11/08	Kelli Stack, BC	Rensselaer	146
12/14/08	Dominique Thibault, UConn	Harvard	112
2/3/09	Allie Thunstrom, BC	vs. Northeastern (BP)	106
2/14/09	Kelly Paton, UNH	PC	106
2/8/09	Kacey Bellamy, UNH	at Vermont	105
2/22/09	Gina Kearns, BU	vs. NU	102

ON THE ROAD TO 100 CAREER POINTS

Player	Points
Vanessa Vani, Maine	99
Meghan Fardelmann, BC	97
Becky Zavisza, BC	95
Jenn Wakefield, UNH	95
Melissa Anderson, BU	91
Erin Normore, PC	90